

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) An exercise machine, comprising:

a frame;

a first treadle having a belt, a treadle frame, and a set of three rollers defining a triangular shape, the belt positioned about the set of rollers;

a second treadle having a belt, a treadle frame, and a set of three rollers defining a triangular shape, the belt positioned about the set of rollers; and

means for pivotally coupling the first and second treadles to the frame at a location respectively between ends of treadle surfaces defined by the first and second treadles such that the first and second treadles are supported to pivot relative to the frame near respective rear ends.

12. (Original) The exercise machine of claim 11, wherein the set of three rollers includes an upper pair of rollers and a lower roller, said lower roller pivotally connected with said frame.

13 - 175. (Canceled)

176. (Original) An exercise apparatus comprising:

a frame;

a first movable belt treadle assembly having a first belt, a first drive roller, and first and second rollers;

wherein the first drive roller and the first and second rollers are disposed in a first generally inverted triangular arrangement with the first drive roller being at the apex of the first triangular arrangement;

wherein the first belt is disposed about the first drive roller and the first and second rollers;

wherein the first movable belt treadle assembly is pivotally mounted to the frame in proximity to the first drive roller;

a second movable belt treadle assembly having a second belt, a second drive roller, and third and fourth rollers;

wherein the second drive roller and the third and fourth rollers are disposed in a second generally inverted triangular arrangement with the second drive roller being at the apex of the second triangular arrangement;

wherein the second belt is disposed about the second drive roller and the third and fourth rollers; and

wherein the second movable belt treadle assembly is pivotally mounted to the frame in proximity to the second drive roller.

177. (Original) The exercise apparatus of claim 176 further comprising:

first and second pivot brackets attached to the frame;

a motor coupled to the frame;

a drive shaft, the first and second drive rollers being affixed to the drive shaft and the drive shaft being rotatably coupled to the pivot brackets to provide a pivot for the first and second treadle assemblies; and

a torque transfer mechanism coupling the drive shaft to the motor.

178. (Original) The exercise apparatus of claim 176 further comprising:

a first dampening device coupled between the frame and the first movable belt treadle assembly;

a first biasing device coupled between the frame and the first movable belt treadle assembly;

a second dampening device coupled between the frame and the second movable belt treadle assembly;

a second biasing device coupled between the frame and the second movable belt treadle assembly; and

a reciprocating linkage coupled between the first movable belt treadle assembly and the second movable belt treadle assembly.

179. (Original) The exercise apparatus of claim 178 wherein:

the frame comprises an upright;

the first dampening device and the first biasing device are integrated into a first unitary device coupled between the upright and the first movable belt treadle assembly; and

the second dampening device and the second biasing device are integrated into a second unitary device coupled between the upright and the second movable belt treadle assembly.

180 - 266. (Canceled)